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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a retiree who has been following this Microsoft antitrust case, I thought the settlement was more than fair. Now I understand that several states want to reopen this case and pursue further litigation. Hasn't this dragged on long enough?

After all, Microsoft did not get off easy. They settled after extensive negotiations and agreed to terms well beyond the issues in the suit. Microsoft has agreed to not retaliate against computer companies that ship competing software.

This lawsuit needs to stop. The economy cannot afford further litigation. No more action should be taken at the Federal level.

Sincerely,

Vernon George